Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Darwin L. Rahder's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Rahder has devoted more than 36 years of his life to the service of this state and country, including service in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Rahder continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Command Sergeant Major Darwin L. Rahder for more than 36 years of loyal, honorable, and selfless service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 6, 2012, as

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR DARWIN RAHDER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State